Mrs. Merle Ahern

Services for Mrs. Merle C. Ahern, 81, former Andover resident, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at the United Methodist Church, Andover, with the Rev. Dennis Gellhaus officiating.

Burial was in the Bates-Scotland Cemetery. The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel of Groton was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ahern died Monday, Feb. 20, at Northwest Mississippi Medical Center at Tupelo, Miss.

Casketbearers were Les Feller, Wayne Feller, Jr., Jerry Johnson, Russell Townsend, Luverne Strom and Dale Wookey. Ushers were Clarence Hannon and Harvey Hannon. Mrs. Richard Marske was the organist and Mrs. John Schwab sang, "Abide With Me" and "How Great Thou Art".

Merle C. Feller was born May 19, 1902, at Groton. She married Charles Ahern on November 23, 1923, at Watertown. She lived in the Andover area most of her life except for the past two and one half years when she lived at Hamilton, Ala. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Andover, the Andover Garden Club, a Charter member of the Andover Legion Auxiliary, United Methodist, Church, United Methodist Church Women and Wednesday Study Club, Andover.

Survivors include one son, Charles Lavern Ahern, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Phyllis) Peterson, Hamilton; four brothers, Wayne and Harlowe Feller, both of Groton; Delton Feller, Aberdeen; and Alvin Feller, Helena, Mont.; two sisters, Mrs. Lola Burnett, Portland, Ore.; and Mrs. Marion Warner, Oregon City, Ore.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three sons, two brothers and one grandchild.